

## Mineral County 2003 Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race		
School Age	White Alone	Black Alone	Alaska Native Alone	Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female	
5 to 9	185	89	4	2	8	3	2	1	14	6
10 to 14	240	114	0	0	9	4	2	1	11	4
15 to 19	271	131	0	0	9	4	3	0	12	5
20 to 24	173	74	0	0	6	1	1	0	5	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>408</b>			<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>16</b>
										<b>30</b>
										<b>15</b>
		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race		
Working Age	White Alone	Black Alone	Alaska Native Alone	Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female	Total Female	
15+	3,015	1,475	4	2	60	31	18	11	48	24
15-64	2,425	1,176	4	2	60	31	15	8	48	24
20+	2,744	1,344	4	2	51	27	15	11	36	19
20-64	2,154	1,045	4	2	51	27	12	8	36	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,612</b>	<b>1,759</b>			<b>83</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>34</b>
										<b>69</b>
										<b>29</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates.  
Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau.

### Top 10 Private Employers in Mineral County Listed in Alphabetical Order with Employment Size Class

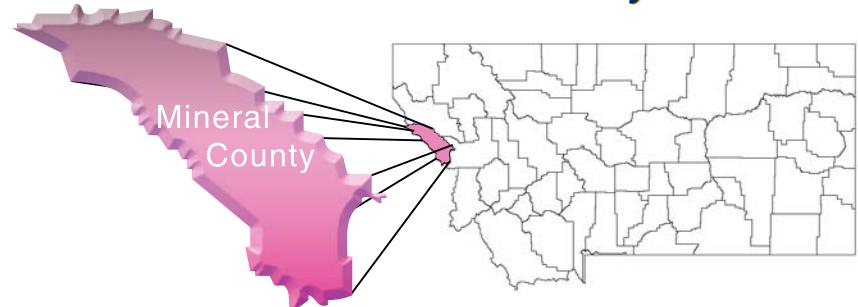
Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Castles IGA Foods	4	Mountain West Bark Products	4
Durango's Restaurant	4	St. Regis Travel Center	4
Jasper's Restaurant	4	Super 8 Motel	3
Lincoln's Silver Dollar Bar	5	Town Pump	3
Mineral Community Hospital & Nursing Home	5	Tricon Timber	6

Employment Size Class Coding 6=100-249 employees; 5=50-99 employees; 4=20-49 employees; 3=10-19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau.  
Fourth Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information. This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.



### For Mineral County



### Cities and Towns in Mineral County

Alberton	■	De Borgia	■	Haugan
St. Regis	■	Saltese	■	Superior



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Located in southwestern Montana, Mineral County is Montana's 38th most populous with 3,879 residents, according to the 2004 U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Superior, the county seat, is the state's 62nd largest city with a population of 882, according to the 2004 U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

The 2004 Employment by Industry table (see inside) shows the government sector has 29 percent of the total employment. Manufacturing covers about 20 percent of the total private employment and 29 percent of the total private wages. The majority of manufacturing employment is in wood products manufacturing. Retail trade accounts for about 28 percent of the total private employment and private health care about 15 percent.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, median income for Mineral County households in 2002 was \$29,100, compared to Montana's median income of \$34,105 for the same year. Median income addresses the per household income in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is total income in the county divided by the number of people in the county.

Mineral County history began with the building of the Mullan Military Road in 1859. It ran the length of the county and in its tracks today runs I-90. Gold was discovered at Cedar Creek in 1869 and a gold rush lasted about three years. Mineral County was formed in 1914 and named by Orville Grant Willett, a Spanish-American War veteran and first state senator from the county. Superior started as a post office in 1871 to serve the miners and once was called "Superior City." Railroads played an important role in building up the community.

## Mineral County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2004		7/1/2003		7/1/2002		4/1/2000		4/1/1990		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Census	Census	2003-2004	Change	2002-2003	Change	2000-2004	Change	2000-2003	Change	1990-2000	Change	
Montana	926,865	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	1.0%	0.8%	2.7%	1.7%	12.9%						
Mineral County	3,879	3,875	3,816	3,884	3,315	0.1%	1.5%	-0.1%	-0.2%	17.2%						
Alberton	404	393	378	374	370	2.8%	4.0%	8.0%	5.1%	1.1%						
Superior	882	886	875	893	865	-0.5%	1.3%	-1.2%	-2.0%	3.2%						

## 2000 Mineral County Commuters by Location

County of Residence	# Who Work in Mineral	County of Work	# Who Live in Mineral
	County	County	County
Out of State	52	Out of State	52
Broadwater County	4	Beaverhead County	2
Flathead County	5	Broadwater County	1
Lincoln County	5	Flathead County	3
Mineral County	1,220	Gallatin County	3
Missoula County	95	Granite County	5
Park County	7	Jefferson County	2
Ravalli County	28	Lake County	1
Sanders County	41	Meagher County	2
Toole County	5	Mineral County	1,220
		Missoula County	306
		Park County	3
		Powell County	8
		Ravalli County	4
		Sanders County	12
		Yellowstone County	5

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau Data.

## Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Gender 2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Employed Persons 16 Years and Older - Mineral County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	1,678	903	775
<i>Management, professional, and related occupations:</i>	406	181	225
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	160	82	78
Management, except farmers and farm managers	109	46	63
Farmers and farm managers	31	24	7
Business and financial operations occupations:	20	12	8
<i>Professional and related occupations:</i>	246	99	147
Education, training, and library occupations	97	35	62
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	67	11	56
<i>Service occupations:</i>	314	77	237
Protective service occupations:	18	13	5
Food preparation and serving related occupations	140	23	117
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	74	31	43
Personal care and service occupations	38	2	36
<i>Sales and office occupations:</i>	368	105	263
Sales and related occupations	165	67	98
Office and administrative support occupations	203	38	165
<i>Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations</i>	68	66	2
<i>Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:</i>	253	245	8
Construction and extraction occupations:	146	138	8
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	107	107	0
<i>Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:</i>	269	229	40
Production occupations	130	106	24
Motor vehicle operators	62	53	9
Material moving workers	64	57	7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File, [www.census.gov/eeo](http://www.census.gov/eeo) 2001.

## Resources

### Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at:  
<http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov/>

### Chamber of Commerce:

Mineral County Chamber, P. O. Box 483, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4891,  
<http://www.thebigsky.net/MineralChamber/>

### Department of Labor and Industry:

#### Missoula Job Service Workforce Center

539 S. 3rd St. W., Missoula, MT 59806, 406-728-7060, <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/missoula/>

### Economic Development:

Montana State University Mineral County Extension, P. O. Box 730, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-3545

### Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

### Internet:

Check the Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>. For information on the Internet about the cities and towns of Alberton, De Borgia, Haugen, St. Regis, Saltese, and Superior, go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns."

### Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

#### Drivers' Licensing

Superior—Courthouse, 300 River, 406-822-3530, (office hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays of each month)

### Newspapers:

*Mineral Independent*, P. O. Box 667, Plains, MT 59859-0667, 406-826-3402

*The Missoulian*, P. O. Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-523-5200,  
<http://www.missoulian.com>

### Public Libraries:

Alberton Branch Library, 701 Railroad Ave., Alberton, MT 59820, 406-722-3372  
Mineral County Public Library, 301 Second Ave. E., Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-3563 (also fax #)  
St. Regis Branch Library, 7 Tiger St., St. Regis, MT 59866, 406-822-3563 (also fax #)

### Mineral County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Alberton K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 330, Alberton, MT 59820, 406-722-4413



## Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau



For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, job projections, and hourly pay by occupation, contact our office at:

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Phone: (406) 444-2430/Fax: (406) 444-2638 Toll Free: (800) 541-3904

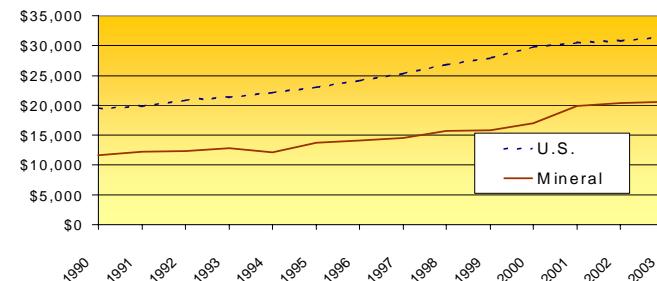
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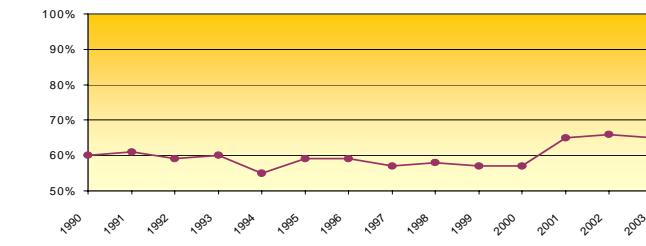
Be sure to check our location quotients for Mineral County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Mineral County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient greater than 1 generally indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Mineral County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Mineral County than in the nation as a whole.

## Mineral County Per Capita Personal Income

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### Percent of National Average



Year	U.S.	Mineral County	% of National Average	Year	U.S.	Mineral County	% of National Average
2003	\$31,472	\$20,588	65%	1996	\$24,175	\$14,146	59%
2002	\$30,804	\$20,346	66%	1995	\$23,076	\$13,718	59%
2001	\$30,575	\$19,925	65%	1994	\$22,172	\$12,084	55%
2000	\$29,847	\$17,036	57%	1993	\$21,346	\$12,827	60%
1999	\$27,939	\$15,823	57%	1992	\$20,854	\$12,345	59%
1998	\$26,883	\$15,665	58%	1991	\$19,892	\$12,189	61%
1997	\$25,334	\$14,471	57%	1990	\$19,477	\$11,613	60%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released September 2004.

## Mineral County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor Force		Unemployment	
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	
2004	1,639	1,518	121	7.4%
2003	1,627	1,489	138	8.5%
2002	1,657	1,511	146	8.8%
2001	1,727	1,585	142	8.2%
2000	1,640	1,496	144	8.8%

Source: These estimates are provisional estimates produced by the U.S. Department of Labor's, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and will be revised further in 2005.

## Mineral County Farms and Ranches

Total Farms and Ranches	85
Oilseed & Grain Farming	1
Vegetable & Melon Farming	0
Fruit & Tree Nut Farming	0
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	0
Sugar Beets, Hay & All Other Crops	25
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming	18
Cattle Feedlots	2
Dairy Cattle & Milk Production	0
Hog & Pig Farming	0
Poultry & Egg Production	0
Sheep & Goat Farming	3
Animal Aquaculture & Other Animal Production	36

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

## Mineral County Employment by Industry\*

### Annual Averages 2004

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	161	1,150	\$23,558,373	Telecommunications	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
TOTAL PRIVATE	137	816	\$14,375,470	FINANCE & INSURANCE	4	18	\$286,516
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	10	12	\$213,530	Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Forestry & Logging	8	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Agriculture & Forestry Support	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		REAL ESTATE & RENTAL & LEASING	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
UTILITIES	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Real Estate	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
CONSTRUCTION	21	42	\$964,477	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES	3	3	\$58,916
Construction of Buildings	11	14	\$242,234	ADMINISTRATIVE & WASTE SERVICES	5	15	\$311,452
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	4	10	\$320,315	Administrative & Support Services	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Specialty Trade Contractors	7	18	\$401,928	Waste Management & Remediation Services	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
MANUFACTURING	8	158	\$4,155,776	PRIVATE HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	16	121	\$2,331,310
Wood Products Manufacturing	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Ambulatory Health Care Services	8	25	\$406,882
Nonmetallic Mineral Products Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Hospitals	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Machinery Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Social Assistance	7	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION	5	16	\$183,538
WHOLESALE TRADE	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES	24	174	\$1,681,578
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Accommodation	8	47	\$508,305
RETAIL TRADE	22	227	\$3,589,900	Food Services & Drinking Places	16	128	\$1,173,273
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		OTHER SERVICES	12	12	\$111,147
Building Material & Garden Supply Stores	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Repair & Maintenance	3	3	\$44,026
Food & Beverage Stores	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Personal & Laundry Services	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Health & Personal Care Stores	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Membership Associations & Organizations	3	5	\$53,541
Gasoline Stations	9	105	\$1,417,176	Private Households	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Sporting Good, Hobby, Book, Music Stores	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		TOTAL GOVERNMENT	24	334	\$9,182,903
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	5	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Local Government	7	227	\$5,213,871
TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		State Government	10	48	\$1,740,335
Truck Transportation	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Federal Government	7	59	\$2,228,697
INFORMATION	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE					

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) \*This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.